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TAGS: ETEL, PINT, LE, PEPR, SY
SUBJECT: NEW RADIO STATION IN ZGHARTA

1. SUPPORTERS OF EX-PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH HAVE FOUNDED LEBANON'S FOURTH RADIO STATION IN IHDIN NEAR ZGHARTA, NORTH LEBANON. TRIAL TRANSMISSIONS BEGAN JULY 20, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT. CALLED "THE VOICE OF UNITED LEBANON," THE NEW STATION JOINS "RADIO LEBANON" (OFFICIAL), "THE VOICE OF LEBANON (PHALANGE), AND "THE VOICE OF ARAB LEBANON" (MURABITOUN). DECLARED POLITICAL AIM OF "UNITED LEBANON" IS TO COMPETE WITH THE PHALANGISTS, COMBAT PARTITION, AND REPORT THE LEBANESE PROBLEM CLEARLY. FATHER YOUSSEF YAMMINE IS DIRECTOR.

2. TECHNICAL DATA: STATION HAS ERECTED A 104-METER ANTENNA IN IHDIN, VILLAGE WHERE TONY FRANJIYAH WAS SLAIN, AND POSSESSES 100-KILOWATT TRANSMITTER, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. BROADCAST FREQUENCY IN
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MEDIUM WAVE BAND IS 625 KHZ. Z SHORT WAVE CAPABILITY IS ALSO REPORTED; NO DETAILS.

3. COMMENT: PLANS FOR A RADIO IN NORTH LEBANON DATE FROM LATE 1977, WHEN CHRISTIAN SOURCES REPORTED PHALANGIST EFFORTS TO IMPROVE "VOICE OF LEBANON" COVERAGE IN NORTH OR PROVIDE A NEW TRANSMITTING

FACILITY THERE IN COOPERATION WITH FRANJIYAH. ALIGN-
MENTS HAVE SINCE SHIFTED. THERE IS SPECULATION TODAY
THAT SYRIANS HAVE HELPED ESTABLISH NEW
STATION AS VOICE OF FRANJIYAH AND HENCE TO A DEGREE
OF ASAD IN LEBANON, BUT WE CANNOT CONFIRM THIS.

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